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Poll results



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Do you treat children with special needs in your clinic?



Yes

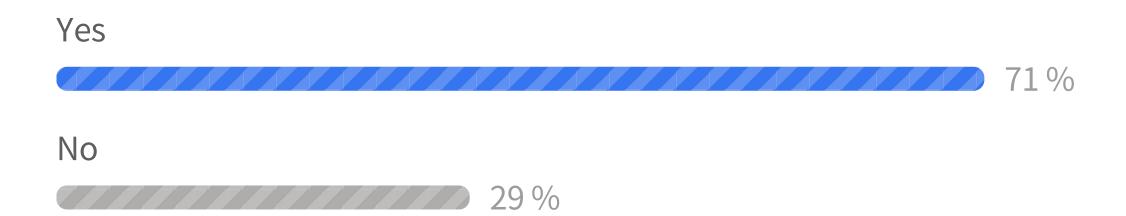
86 %

No

14 %

Do you feel comfortable treating children with special needs in your clinic?





List a personal takeaway about treating children with cognitive disabilities. (1/3)

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- Knowing your confidence of treatment of the special need pt
- If they have others conditions like as hearth disease.
- It just takes patience!
- Deviation from standard of care
- Adapt to the patients individual needs and think outside the box to provide their level of comfort.
- Understanding the level
- understanding different techniques to better determine individual care
- Be prepared

- Being sensitive to the smells and sounds of dentistry Being open to treating patients differently to accommodate the patient
- Knowing you can make a positive difference in their life.
- I will review this information with assistants and front desk staff to be supportive as well
- Great with a smile
- Treat others the way YOU want to be treated!
- How to adjust the operitory to better to suit the patient
- Behavior modification Don't



List a personal takeaway about treating children with cognitive disabilities. (2/3)

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be afraid to touch

- Understanding that each one has to have a unique approach
- Patience
- If you can handle the emergency appointment then you can probably treat patient
- It every pt with a disability needs to referred out A medical clearance is vital when working special needs pts
- Gets me outside of my comfort
 One
- That all children are different

- Be prepared
- The ability of not cooperating when you have to use time management.
- Trying to control the dental environment especially the lighting.
- Confinement helps with touch sensitivity.
- ways to modify tastes, smells, etc
- Every kid is different, whether they have special needs or not.
- Do not jump to conclusions about how a special needs patient should be treated



List a personal takeaway about treating children with cognitive disabilities. (3/3)

0 4 1

- Be more open minded about treating children with special needs
- It is something that can be done with some understanding the patients limitations and abilities.
- Control environmental factors to make dental experience more comfortable.
- Modify environment
- Effort is the beginning of the cure.
- Listen to your patient and parent
- Be open minded when treating children with special needs. Don't automatically dismiss/refer.

- Good start is to ask how well they do for a haircut
- Understanding
- It should be part of our expected clinical activity
- Consider the smell of the office
- Be aware of dental settings and environment
- All things are possible



List a personal takeaway about treating children with physical disabilities. (1/2)

0 3 3

- Focus on what you can do not on what you cannot
- Understanding severity
- Know your comfort levels, get a
 detailed medical Hx to detect the
 severity and complexity of the
 case. Know when to refer as
 patient's safety is your ultimate
 goal.
- Financial aspects of taking greater amount of time to treat special needs patients
- Swallow response in important to document for all patients.
- If they have

- other different condition such as cancer with not records
- Can we provide a safe level of care?
- Satisfaction making a difference
- Don't think they can't understand you
- Check to make sure patient is comfortable and safe in the chair
- You have options
- Talk to patient.
- Proper assessment of safe working environment for pr
- The different kinds of cerebral palsy



List a personal takeaway about treating children with physical disabilities. (2/2)



- Be mindful about swallowing.
- Don't make assumptions, try to communicate!
- Don't assume they can't understand you
- Ask questions to determine severity
- Always ask yourself if you can provide safe care
- It's a feel good feeling
- ask what other providers do
- Be patient
- Don't assume they can't understand you.

- Make sure you can treat safely
- Ask, never assume
- Nothing
- Enlist parents help during treatment
- Don't assume
- Ability to swallow and understand
- Expect the unexpected
- Don't assume anything...ask questions
- Never assume.
- Never assume



List a personal takeaway about treating children with medically complex conditions. (1/2)

0 2 1

- if can treat the emergency can probably treat the patient
- Acute Chest Syndrome
- We are often the best place to care for these special young people.
- Use your clinical judgment
- Be aware of medical hx
- Only treat if you can do it safely...know your own capabilities to handle emergencies
- How they are feeling at the time
- Know your limits!

- Make sure you know all the details
- Inter-professional collaboration is important
- They need us more than the general population
- We are the experts pertaining to dental who seek collaboration with the medical providers
- I am in control
- Be aware of your limitations but also what you can do in office
- Medical consultations very important...we are still the dental expert



List a personal takeaway about treating children with medically complex conditions. (2/2)

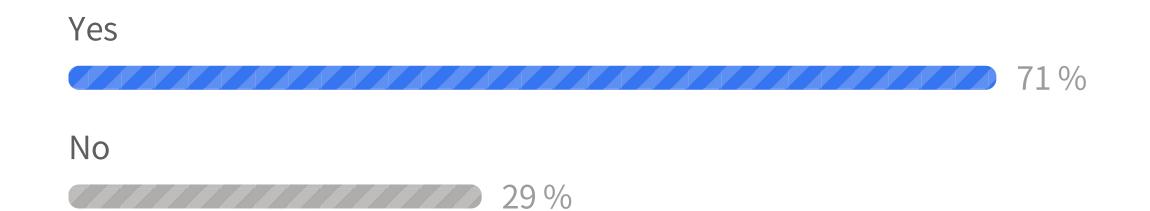


- Am i prepared to safely handle a crisis? what is neededm
- Do your research but you are the oral expert
- Knowing when to refer.
- Inter professional collaboration is a must.
- Medical consultation is important
- I can do anything!!



Do you feel comfortable performing a medical consultation?







What age do you think is ideal to transition a child from pediatric to adult-based dental care?

